

implementations in analog circuitry and/or digital circuitry); (b) combinations of circuits and computer program product (s) comprising software and/or firmware instructions stored on one or more computer readable memories that work together to cause an apparatus to perform one or more functions described herein; and (c) circuits, such as, for example, a microprocessor(s) or a portion of a microprocessor(s), that require software or firmware for operation even if the software or firmware is not physically present. This definition of 'circuitry' applies to all uses of this term herein, including in any claims. As a further example, as used herein, the term 'circuitry' also includes an implementation comprising one or more processors and/or portion(s) thereof and accompanying software and/or firmware. As another example, the term 'circuitry' as used herein also includes, for example, a baseband integrated circuit or applications processor integrated circuit for a mobile phone or a similar integrated circuit in a server, a cellular network device, other network device, and/or other computing device.

[0023] As defined herein, a "computer-readable storage medium," which refers to a non-transitory physical storage medium (e.g., volatile or non-volatile memory device), can be differentiated from a "computer-readable transmission medium," which refers to an electromagnetic signal.

[0024] A method, apparatus and computer program product are provided in order to facilitate the organization of and commencement of a meeting. In this regard, the method, apparatus and computer program product may cause information relating to the estimated time of arrival of one or more participants to a meeting to be shared with another party, such as the meeting organizer who created or otherwise organized the meeting, such as by creating the meeting event in a calendar application, and/or one or more other participants in the meeting. As such, the participants in the meeting may be better informed as to the time at which all of the participants or at least all of the key participants will be assembled for the meeting and may potentially be able to make more efficient use of their time while awaiting commencement of the meeting. In some examples of embodiments, the method, apparatus and computer program product may facilitate re-scheduling to avoid inconvenience and/or the establishment of an alternative location for the meeting in an effort to reduce the delay associated with the commencement of a meeting in an instance in which one or more participants will be late for the meeting as originally scheduled and/or provide an indication of an alternative method of participation to one or more participants, such as, for example, by automatically generating a meeting update request to join the meeting on-line or via telephone which can be suitably communicated to a participant who is too delayed to join a meeting at the scheduled starting time, for example, via a short message service (SMS) message, a multimedia messaging service (MMS) message, an e-mail or an e-calendar invitation. If a participant is capable of being accurately located, the method, apparatus and computer program product of an example embodiment may be configured to provide information to the participant as to the type of communications that are enabled for remote participation in the meeting, such as by causing the information to be displayed on one or more remotely addressable display screens that are determined to be in the proximity of the participant so as to attract one or more participant's attention about the meeting and/or to provide meeting update information with any change of meeting location and/or timing

[0025] Referring now to FIG. 1, an apparatus 10 that may be specifically configured in accordance with example embodiment of the present invention is illustrated. The apparatus may be embodied by or associated with a user device associated with any one or more of the participants in the meeting and/or the meeting organizer. In this regard, the user devices of the participants in the meeting and/or the meeting organizer may include mobile terminals, such as such as a portable digital assistant (PDA), mobile telephone, smart-phone, pager, mobile television, gaming device, laptop computer, camera, tablet computer, headset, touch surface, video recorder, audio/video player, radio, electronic book, positioning device (e.g., global positioning system (GPS) device), or any combination of the aforementioned, and other types of voice and text communications systems, or other computing devices, such as fixed computing devices, e.g., a desktop computer, a personal computer or the like. Additionally or alternatively, the apparatus may be embodied by a server or other network computing device that is configured to provide the information to the user devices associated with one or more of the participants in the meeting and/or the meeting organizer. Still further, the apparatus of FIG. 1 may be deployed in a distributive manner and may be embodied by one or more user devices of the participants in the meeting and/or the meeting organizer and/or a server or other network computing device.

[0026] Regardless of the manner in which the apparatus 10 of FIG. 1 is embodied, the apparatus may include or otherwise be in communication with a processor 12, a memory device 14, a communication interface 16 and optionally a user interface 18. In some embodiments, the processor (and/or co-processors or any other processing circuitry assisting or otherwise associated with the processor) may be in communication with the memory device via a bus for passing information among components of the apparatus. The memory device may be non-transitory and may include, for example, one or more volatile and/or non-volatile memories. In other words, for example, the memory device may be an electronic storage device (e.g., a computer readable storage medium) comprising gates configured to store data (e.g., bits) that may be retrievable by a machine (e.g., a computing device like the processor). The memory device may be configured to store information, data, content, applications, instructions, or the like for enabling the apparatus to carry out various functions in accordance with an example embodiment of the present invention. For example, the memory device could be configured to buffer input data for processing by the processor. Additionally or alternatively, the memory device could be configured to store instructions for execution by the processor.

[0027] As noted above, the apparatus 10 may be embodied by a user device, such as a mobile terminal or a fixed computing device, or a server or other network computing device. However, in some embodiments, the apparatus may be embodied as a chip or chip set. In other words, the apparatus may comprise one or more physical packages (e.g., chips) including materials, components and/or wires on a structural assembly (e.g., a baseboard). The structural assembly may provide physical strength, conservation of size, and/or limitation of electrical interaction for component circuitry included thereon. The apparatus may therefore, in some cases, be configured to implement an embodiment of the present invention on a single chip or as a single "system on a chip." As such, in some cases, a chip or chipset may constitute